

Fact Sheet

SUBJECT: Civil Works Program Execution

1. PURPOSE. To provide the Board of Directors information and guidance on a strong finish to FY 1999 execution and a fast start for FY 2000 execution.

2. FACTS

- Fiscal Year 1999 program execution

MSC Commanders should:

Continue to emphasize the review of the FY 99 execution and offer for revocation any surplus funds as soon as possible. (so that they may be reprogrammed to other studies or projects that have a need for additional funds)

Meet scheduled contract award dates

Accrue all legitimate contract earnings

- Fiscal Year 2000 Execution Start

Civil Works will continue efforts to further delegate report and agreement approvals.

MSCs have been requested to develop 2101 schedules, based on capability amounts, immediately rather than waiting for Congressional action. Suspense for completion is 15 July. This should minimize a slow down of work at the beginning of FY2000, and allow us to obligate and expend not only FY1999 carryover funds but also FY2000 funds

MSCs should carefully review capability statements to better align expectations and expenditure reality.

MSCs should take full advantage of the opportunity provided by CECW/CERM program guidance at the beginning of FY2000 to use FY2000 funds prior to the receipt of FY2000 apportionments, work allowances, and allotments

To improve opportunities for MSCs to optimize the execution of their Operation and Maintenance programs, we propose to relax O&M reprogramming authorities. This would be done in two phases because the dredging piece is not equally distributed among Divisions

Phase I would allow the field to have all the money up front, in the initial work allowances, with the exception of dredging funds, which we would continue to hold in HQUSACE for dredging contracts greater than \$500K. Phase I would also give the field unlimited reprogramming authority (consistent with existing priorities) for everything except dredging, where the reprogramming limits would remain as is. Phase I would go into effect at the start of FY 2000.

Phase II. After testing Phase I for a year, and if it's determined that Phase I works satisfactorily, Phase II could be implemented. Phase II would give the field all the money upfront, including all dredging dollars. In addition, the field would be given unlimited reprogramming authority(priorities), including all dredging dollars.

3. EXPECTED BOD ACTIONS. None – Information and guidance for discussion.

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